



Front Country Trails
Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force

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Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 2, 2009
5:30 p.m.

Santa Barbara County Administration Building
Planning Commission Hearing Room – 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Perkins called the regular meeting of the Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Santa Barbara County Administration Building, Planning Commission Hearing Room, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Perkins

ROLL CALL: Task Force Members Present:

Suzanne Perkins	County Park Commissioner 1st District
Judith Dale	County Park Commissioner 3rd District
Beebe Longstreet	City Park & Recreation Commissioner
W. Scott Burns	City Park & Recreation Commissioner
Bruce Emmens	Public Use & Facilities Staff Officer
	Los Padres National Forest
Jeff Bensen	Assistant Forest Recreation Officer
	Los Padres National Forest

City of Santa Barbara Staff Present

Jill Zachary	Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Kathy Frye	Associate Park/Natural Areas Planner

County of Santa Barbara Staff Present

Erik Axelson	County Parks Deputy Director
Claude Garciacelay	ASLA, Park Planner
Sonia Thompson	Administrative Professional

Los Padres National Forest Staff Present

Kerry Kellogg	Wilderness and Trails Manager, Santa Barbara Ranger District
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CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ray Smith, Mission Canyon Association

TASK FORCE AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. Approval of Minutes – For Action

Recommendation: That the FCT Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 2, 2009.

Motion:

Task Force members Dale/Longstreet to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 2, 2009.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote

OLD BUSINESS

2. Post Jesusita Fire Erosion Control Project – For Information

Recommendation: That FCT Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force receives a report on the Post Jesusita Fire Erosion Control Project.

Documents:

- Staff PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers:

- Staff: John Frye, Engineering Manager, County of Santa Barbara Flood Control District Santa Barbara County Flood Control.

Task Force Comments:

- Task Force Member Burns asked Mr. Frye to explain what the initials “NRCS” stands for and what they do and how they have been able to help us.
 - Mr. Frye explained that “NRCS” stands for Natural Resources Conservation Service which is a federal organization that is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Mr. Frye commented that the Forest Service is also part of the USDA. The NRCS is a non-regulatory group that has been a strong partner to Flood Control over the past couple of years with all of the fire emergencies that we have had. When areas are declared a disaster that opens the door to federal funding and they come in to provide the federal funding. They do other things as well. In August, the NRCS came out and offered the homeowners technical support specific to their property on erosion issues and then sent out teams of professionals to help those who requested assistance. Mr. Frye also commended Mr. Ray Smith, Mission Canyon Association, for his help in working with the homeowners on the Hydromulch Program. All of this work was on private property and Mr. Smith was instrumental in making this happen.

3. UTAP Trails Assessment Project – For Information

Recommendation: That the FCT Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force receives a status report on the Trail Survey Project.

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Kathy Frye, Natural Areas Planner, City of Santa Barbara

Task Force Comments:

- Task Force Member Burns commented that he was one of the people who did the training and said there is an intrinsic satisfaction of helping get something done and encouraged others to get involved and to volunteer for this program.
- Chair Perkins inquired about the Hot Springs Trail and Buena Vista Trail not being included in the trail surveys.
 - o Mr. Kellogg replied that they are focusing on the trails in the original plan.

4. Trail Maintenance Update – For Information

Recommendation: That FCT Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force receives a status report on FCT trail maintenance projects.

Documents:

- Staff Report and Staff PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers:

- Kerry Kellogg, Assistant Recreation Officer, Santa Barbara Ranger District

Task Force Comments:

- Vice Chair Longstreet thanked the volunteers for their tremendous amount of work.
- Chair Perkins concurred stating that this was a tremendous job.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Front Country Trails Coordinator – For Information

Recommendation: That FCT Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force receives an introduction to Rebecca Mordini, the recently appointed FCT Coordinator

Documents: None.

Speakers:

- Staff: Erik Axelson, County Parks Deputy Director; Rebecca Mordini, FCT Coordinator

Task Force Comments:

- Task Force Member Burns commented that the FCT has to focus on volunteers and grants and asked Ms. Mordini if she has any thoughts she would like to share.
 - o Ms. Mordini replied that she has thought of the funding issue question. A public/private partnership is one way approach; tapping into different corporate sponsors, but being careful of not competing with stakeholders and partners. The goal is to maximize our resources as opposed to competing.

6. Meeting Schedule for 2010

Recommendation: That FCT Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force establishes the following regular meeting dates for 2010: March 3, June 2, September 1, and December 1.

Motion:

Task Force members Longstreet/Bensen to establish the following regular meeting dates for 2010: March 3, June 2, September 1, and December 1.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:15 p.m., with no further business to come before the Task Force, the meeting was adjourned to the Santa Barbara County Administration Building, Planning Commission Hearing Room, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara.

Motion:

Task Force members Longstreet/Emmons to adjourn the meeting.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote

Respectfully submitted,



Erik Axelson
County Parks Deputy Director